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18 June 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Call from Admiral Raborn

1. At about 1400 hours, 17 June, Admiral Raborn called re Dr. McMillan's 14 June letter to him (pertaining to systems integration contract with Lockheed). Admiral Raborn stated he had a Friday meeting with Mr. Vance and requested that these contracts not be signed until after those discussions were held.

2. Admiral Raborn indicated that we shouldn't do something that "might have to be undone later....not that I feel anything would have to be undone...." He indicated he would talk to Mr. Vance re not signing the contracts immediately if I needed some "backing up." I told the Admiral I did not know the status but would call the Coast in accord with his request. He requested that I call him back if there were any problems.

3. In a subsequent telephone call to Gen Martin, the latter advised that negotiations were underway. We agreed that negotiations could proceed, but that Gen Martin should not sign any contracts for the Government until he heard from Dr. McMillan. (I gathered that the contracts would not be ready for Gen Martin's signature before next week, in any event, even if negotiations proceed smoothly).

4. Later in the evening, Gen Martin called re a conversation he had just completed with [REDACTED] Dr. Wheelon (or someone from his office) had called Lockheed and stated Admiral Raborn did not want them to sign these contracts. [REDACTED] agreed, however, to continue on with and complete the negotiations.

5. I wrote a short note to Mr. Vance advising him of this matter (attached).

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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. VANCE**

**SUBJECT: CORONA Systems Integration Contract with Lockheed**

Reference is made to Dr. McMillan's 14 June letter to Admiral Raborn on the above subject (copy attached).

Yesterday afternoon, Admiral Raborn called and requested these contracts not be signed pending the outcome of his discussion with you today. I indicated that I did not know the status of the contracts but would comply with his request, if possible. The DCI requested that I call him back if there were any problems.

In a subsequent telephone call with General Martin, I learned that negotiations have begun with Lockheed. I advised General Martin that negotiations could continue but that he should not sign these contracts without specific approval to do so from Dr. McMillan next week.

I later learned that someone from the CIA had called Lockheed, stating that the DCI did not want them to sign the contracts in question at this time.

I assume Dr. McMillan will discuss this matter with you early next week.

Signed

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